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## Milwaukee historian John Gurda to hold public talk next week

Milwaukee historian and author **John Gurda** will share stories from his latest book at a **free** public event on **Monday, February 27** from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Garden District Neighborhood Association's Historical Committee will host this program at the **Tippecanoe Branch** of the Milwaukee Public Library, **3912 S. Howell Ave**. The talk will showcase excerpts and illustrations from Mr. Gurda's book *Milwaukee, City of Neighborhoods*.

According to **Alderman Terry L. Witkowski**, this event will present an interesting take on Milwaukee's history. "The Garden District is excited for John Gurda to share his work with the community," he said. "His newest book sheds light on how Milwaukee became a city of small communities and will help audience members deepen their appreciation of the city."

Mr. Gurda, a Milwaukee-born writer and historian, has studied his hometown since 1972. He has written 21 books, many of them histories of Milwaukee-area neighborhoods and industries. Mr. Gurda's book *The Making of Milwaukee* chronicles the full-length history of Milwaukee, and he served as a scriptwriter and host for the Emmy Award-winning documentary series based on the book. He is also a lecturer, tour guide and local history columnist for the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*.